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### VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL SERVICE

The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd Chief Clerk **South Carolina Public Service Commission** PO Drawer 11649 Columbia SC 29211

RE:

Application of Merit Transport, Incorporated for a Class C (Charter) Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for

Operation of a Motor Vehicle Carrier

Docket No. 2010-26-T, ELS File No. 2210-11708

Dear Jocelyn:

Merit Transport, Inc. ("Merit") hereby amends its application with respect to the authority it seeks in Florence, Marion, Chesterfield, Darlington, Dillon, and Marlboro Counties. In those counties, Merit seeks authority to offer only charter services, and hereby excludes non-emergency medical transport (NEMT), demand response, or any public transportation services, from the scope of its application as applied to those counties. Merit's application for authority outside the area specified above remains unchanged.

Merit understands that Pee Dee Regional Transportation Authority ("PDRTA") will withdraw its opposition to Merit's application this afternoon. Accordingly, Merit requests that the Commission suspend the hearing currently scheduled for tomorrow, and further requests that the Commission consider this application without a formal hearing.

By copy of this letter, I am serving all parties in this proceeding and enclose my Certificate of Service to that effect.

With kind regards, I am

Yours truly,

s/John J. Pringle, Jr. John J. Pringle, Jr.

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Vehicle Carrier	)

This is to certify that I have caused to be served this day, one (1) copy of the **May 3, 2010 Letter to the Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd** by placing a copy of same in the care and custody of the United States Postal Service (unless otherwise specified), with proper first-class postage affixed hereto and addressed as follows:

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